

MEMORANDUM

TO : BM/SGN
FROM : A/SZDAD
SUBJECT : DANANG Station Monthly Report for July 1969

DATE: 04 August 1969
REF. No. SZDAD/69/084

GENERAL

No incidents involving hostile activity against the DaNang Air Base were reported during the month, but rumors persist that large scale rocket and perhaps ground attacks could be forthcoming at anytime. A few, relatively close, B-52 raids did shake the buildings and windows substantially but no damage resulted.

The DaNang City and Air Base curfews remain unchanged, being 2100 to 0600 hours and 1900 to 0600 hours respectively. The base curfew is still applicable to indigenous personnel only, and no curfew incidents involving personnel downtown were reported. Two [REDACTED] employees were arrested and detained for a short period of time by the Vietnamese Police for an alleged House Record discrepancy.

The number of Southern Air Transport flights increased tremendously over the previous month for a total of 26. A similar number of such flights is expected in August. Traffic has had to resort to utilizing TCM personnel to assist in handling these flights and RMD will most likely lose the services of one crew chief a good part of the time during the last half of August if the present scheduling of these flights continues. Authorization has been received from VNAF security to permit three Traffic utility personnel to remain on the base overnight when required.

American personnel were barred from using the MACV Field Ration Mess located near the main company hostel for two days, but customer co-signed travel orders, specifying that crew members were on bonifide TCS status has resolved the problem to date. Permanently assigned American personnel have the option of electing either Field Ration Mess or Commissary Privileges but are not entitled to both.

LEGAL

Due to the difficulty in selecting a suitable alternative to relinquishing the company hostel [REDACTED] in the time available, it was decided to rent these premises for another six months, the duration of the present lease renewal. In the interim, it will be possible to more precisely determine what the expected flight crew RON requirements will be.

No further information has been received from Barclay & Company regarding their proposal to assume the operation of the DaNang Terminal Snack-Bar. It is planned, however, to draw up a preliminary agreement for approval the next time their representative visits this office. From comments made

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by representatives of the Base NCO Club, little or no improvement can be expected from that quarter. They seem to be of the opinion that the Snack-Bar operation is insignificant compared to their other commitments and would just as soon be rid of the responsibility for running it.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS

The VN-41 Air Operations Officer has indicated that he will make an official complaint if the handling of SAT flights in any way interferes with the Air America Traffic operation. Two of the three personnel from Traffic, who presently meet these flights, are technically Ground Services personnel, and although it is not always possible for them to work a full eight hours at Air America and also meet SAT flights at nine o'clock at night and five o'clock in the morning, the basic Traffic responsibility has not been affected.

VN-41 has also shown some interest in modifying the station passenger terminal in order to obtain a layout similar to that at Nha-Trang, i.e., a completely enclosed, air conditioned waiting room. Such a project would require the removal of half of two walls which provide the main support for the roof of the building in addition to the air conditioning. The modifications could be done, but it would be quite expensive and would most likely require customer funding.

FACILITIES

The nose hangar Lean-to was eighty five percent complete at the end of the month and should be ready for final acceptance by mid August. One steel angle will have to be removed temporarily from the Nose Hangar to permit the attachment of the siding required for the east end of Lean-to since the materials received from Nha-Trang were short a few items.

Work was started on the Danang Station Electric Power Distribution Project. A rather major modification was made whereby using existing underground power cable it will be possible to eliminate all overhead power lines. Not only will this method contribute to the better appearance of the area, it should also require fewer manhours to accomplish. The installation of the 100 KVA transformer by S.I.P.E.A. should be completed in early August.

Since the station paving project has been deferred for an indefinite period, consideration is being given to the possibility of obtaining sufficient gravel, in exchange for the cement presently on hand, to cover the highly travelled areas and planting grass in the remaining

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portions. This plan would not provide for any needed drainage but it would reduce the amount of dust and mud now experienced.

FISCAL

The station time clock was received, converted to 60 cycle operation. A time card system was initiated on 1 August as a trial basis to determine what problem areas might arise. Several generator shutdowns have made it necessary to adjust the clock frequently, but by 16 August it should be possible to start keeping employee time and attendance records with time cards rather than attendance rosters.

[REDACTED] payroll for the month totaled: [REDACTED]
Petty Cash expenditures for the month totaled: 27,307\$VN

OPERATIONS

Total revenue flying declined nearly 100 hours as compared to the previous month. Although AID flying increased slightly, Embassy requirements were reduced approximately 30 percent. Revenue losses were 45+30 hours as compared to 8400 hours during June.

The following is a breakdown of flight time generated by this station during July:

VN-41/AID	- - - - -	811+11
VN-41/Embassy	- - - - -	230+59
0005	- - - - -	Nil
Non-revenue	- - - - -	<u>6+04</u>
Total		- - - - - 1048+14

Revenue losses for the month are broken down as follows:

Maintenance	- - - - -	Nil
Weather	- - - - -	42+00
Customer cancellations	- - - - -	3+30
Other	- - - - -	<u>Nil</u>
Total		- - - - - 45+30

COMMUNICATIONS

After some serious problems at the beginning of the month, the Motorola Remote VHF/UHF has remained in operation continuously. Both SCC and Ground Radio personnel agree that the system is now working satisfactorily.

Incoming and outgoing messages totaled 2257 and 1610 respectively.

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TRAFFIC

With the exception of the numerous SAT flights scheduled into Danang, workload remained fairly constant. As a result of close coordination with both customers, a set of procedures regarding passenger processing, baggage limitations, and manifest close-out times were formulated which have greatly reduced many of the minor problems previously encountered. An electric Marketeer was received from Saigon which has significantly increased the efficiency of the station's baggage handling system.

Passenger and cargo statistics for the month are as follows:

	<u>Passengers In</u>	<u>Passengers Out</u>	<u>Cargo In</u>	<u>Cargo Out</u>
VN-41/AID	2,821	2,856	202,504	319,118
Embassy	508	537	6,683	6,056
0005	37	37	Nil	Nil
0069	7	8	Nil	Nil
Ferry	38	38	Nil	Nil
AAM	100	129	10,933	20,207
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Total	3,511	3,605	220,120	345,381

6 Continental Air Services flights were handled by this department during July.

SECURITY

A Black Time Clock was received during the month and the eleven key stations associated with this system were installed at various locations around the facility. Night surveillance of the area can now be closely monitored since a permanent record tape is printed when the security guard punches in at a given station. This system may prove sufficiently effective to eliminate any requirement for separate COMDS warehouse security personnel.

PERSONNEL

A significant reduction in personnel, both TCW and indigenous, was accomplished during July. Total personnel strength declined from 167 to 142. The individual separations were handled smoothly and with a minimum of ill will.

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The personnel breakdown for Danang station at close of business, 31 July, was as follows:

Permanent	5	15	24	88
Pre-Process	0	0	0	10
Temporary	0	0	0	0
Daily-Hire	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (1A2)	5	15	24	98

TECHNICAL SERVICES

RMD handled a total of 670 arriving and 669 departing flights, of which seven of the latter were delayed due to maintenance. A total of three out station recoveries were performed including one C-47 cylinder change at Chu-Lai. No engine or propeller changes were required during the month. Heavy services totaled eight, all but two of which were performed on 204B aircraft.

RGMD expended a total of 1469 manhours, of which 105 were utilized in hostel maintenance.

Although the expected credit from MSA was not received on the June invoice, positive assurances were given that substantial portion of it would be included in July. In order to minimize these problems in the future, the company operated GMC truck will be utilized to make all pick-ups from MSA since most requests for credit result from over-shipments and billings for items not received.

PEND accomplished the re-painting of the three station Mitsubishi Jeeps and one micro-bus. All company operated vehicles are now painted blue.

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MONTHLY REPORT

NHA - TRANG

JULY 1969

GENERAL

July was an active month which saw the completion of two major projects. The nose hanger Lean/To and the Scooter Shed were completed and the AIs closed. Both projects were finished well within the allocated funds. The remaining open AR for power and light distribution will be completed in August.

There has been considerable military activity in the hills surrounding NHA, all being visible from the airport but, little activity in town.

Hostel II contract for 1969/70 was completed and conformed with no increase in rent.

A good month.

TRAFFICA. GENERAL

Station Traffic activities have increased over the previous month. Aircraft arrivals/departures, cargo and passenger handling were much higher than June but, still remain considerably lower than the same month in 1968.

The position of Traffic Manager has removed from the 4101 contract. This was in accordance with a letter submitted to BM/SGN.

In line with the cost reduction program, TM is to be cross-trained with OM duties with the shorter flying time and hours, it is felt that one American personnel can handle these positions at NHA. This requires, of course, greater operations support from SGN Operations, FOD, and Management at NHA and SGN are cooperating in this venture which can mean considerable savings to the company.

STATISTICS

<u>PASSENGERS</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>LAST Mo.</u>	<u>1968</u>
Departing	3919	3402	5076
Arriving	7765	3264	

CARGO1. GROUNDS SERVICES(Lbs)

Departing	508,938	396,646	977,133
Arriving	258,261	240,360	325,999
Total ..	867,199	637,006	1,303,132

2. COMPANY CARGO(Lbs)

Departing	15,959	11,256	18,028
Arriving	10,861	11,624	8,028
Total ..	26,820	22,880	26,056

3. GRAND TOTAL(Lbs)(1+2)

Departing	524,897	407,902	995,161
	251,100	251,681	333,027

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CUSTOMER RELATIONS

No major problems in this area this month. The one remaining sore spot whereby two of AAM personnel are physically working in the Cords/Usaid area is being worked on. Paperwork to change these to the Cords/Usaid payroll has been submitted.

OPERATIONS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

The Motorola VHF has performed well during this period with only minor outages. We are experiencing an inordinate amount of interference on the HF. Several local stations cut in making flight watch very difficult.

B. GROUND TRANSPORTATION

One driver was excessed leaving four regular drivers. This requires paying a limited amount of overtime each week, but is on the whole, a savings to the company.

C. FLIGHT FREQUENCY (See attached)

D. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE COMPARISON

	<u>July</u>	<u>Last Mo.</u>	<u>1968</u>
Arrivals	641	531	645
Departures	641	533	660
Ron	287	275	364

E. DELAYS

Percentage on time	97	98
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SECURITY

The SZ Jeep was stolen on the morning of July 8 and recovered by SZ from a downtown repair yard early on July 9.

Five security personnel were released as surplus to the needs of this station.

PERSONNEL (See attached)

FISCAL : No problems.

LEGAL : No problems.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>LAST Mo.</u>	<u>1968</u>
1. Transient overnight	354	256	281
2. Overnight services	287	275	364
3. Engine changes	3	1	4
4. Propeller	2	1	0
5. Delays services	0	3	4
6. Delays maint. /mech.	0	1	5
	6	9	12

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	<u>JULY</u>	<u>LAST Mo.</u>	<u>1968</u>
8. Intermediate services	0	1	0
9. ACP	12	23	48
10. Cutline recoveries	3	3	3
11. Accident reports (CA/C)	1	2	2
12. Accident reports(PNL)	0	0	0

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